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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA  
FROM CHADIAN PRESIDENT DEBY

REF: STATE 118192

¶1. Embassy has received the following message for President-elect Obama from President Deby. Original will be forwarded by diplomatic pouch. Unofficial translation from the French follows.

¶2. His Excellency Mr. Barrack Obama, President elect of the United States

Mr. President,

With great emotion and immense joy I tracked your election to the supreme magistrature of your great country, the United States of America. The moment that you live in, the whole world lives with you, comforted by the admiration that I and the Chadian people have towards America and her people.

I would seize this happy occasion to address to you my heartfelt and warmest congratulations for your splendid victory.

I am persuaded that great hopes arising from your election will reinforce the fruitful relations and cooperation between our two nations and the emergence of a new era of reciprocal understandings in international affairs that have been buffeted by multiple crises.

My personal memories of our talks with regard to such crises reassure me of your determination to work for world peace and stability.

I ask, Mr. President, that you accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad.

(added by hand) That God aid you and accompany you towards the emergence of a new world of peace and justice.

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